

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Democratic participation is already embarrassingly low for a nation that preaches democracy to the world, but allowing media conglomerates to grow even larger will further diminish active citizenship. As the media that supply Americans with information about their country and the world reflect less diversity of opinion and less substantial debates, apathy will prevail.